## Educational Assistance—City of Fond du Lac

<u>Marian University Partnership:</u> The City has a partnership with Marian University that offers a tuition discount to adult and graduate tuition rates, excluding workshop sessions included in the Institute of Professional Development. It is extended to employees who enroll as certificate or degree-seeking students.

In conjunction with this partnership, Marian University will:

- \* Waive the application fee for all employees applying to undergraduate and graduate degree programs;
- \* Extend a 20% tuition discount to employees enrolling in adult or graduate programming (excludes Ph.D.) offered online;
- \* Extend a 20% tuition discount to employees enrolling in an onsite program provided sixteen or more students enroll; if enrollment drops under sixteen students, classes will be moved to Marian University's online modality; if an onsite cohort starts, provide a classroom space at Marian University where employees, as well as others, may enroll in onsite cohort courses;
- \* Provide quarterly onsite advising support for online courses;
- \* Provide dedicated enrollment and advising staff to advise individuals throughout their time at Marian;
- \* Provide qualified faculty to manage and teach courses as programmatically needed;
- \* Provide innovative and engaging teaching techniques such as Competency Based Education.

Employees of the City are encouraged to increase their education and thus their qualifications for positions of employment with the City of Fond du Lac. While the City will be supportive of additional employee training and education, employees must understand they will be retaining the knowledge and skills obtained and therefore need to show a personal commitment and investment of their own time in gaining this additional education and training.

Employees interested in educational assistance should discuss it with their supervisor. The supervisor can relate information regarding what educational assistance is available to employees as well as how to apply for assistance.

Please reach out to Jackie Braatz (920-322-3624) or Christine at Marian (920-923-8148) for further information.